

Points of Concurrence*

Belize–Guatemala meeting, Roatan, 9 July 1990

1. Land Border

It is agreed that the points that will determine the boundaries between Belize and Guatemala are:

- (a) from Gracias a Dios to Garbutt's Falls, and then to Aguas Turbias (on the Mexican border);
- (b) the southern boundary of Belize will be the mid-channel of the Sarstoon River.

2. Territorial Sea

2.1 The territorial sea of Guatemala is twelve miles. The territorial sea of Belize in the south is three miles until east of Ranguana as hereinafter defined.

The territorial sea limit between Belize and Guatemala in its southernmost parts shall begin at the mid-channel of the mouth of the Sarstoon River, following a straight baseline north-easterly following the contour of the coast a minimum of three miles to a point parallel to Orange Point, then north-easterly to a point three miles directly south of East Snake Caye, then proceeding south-easterly in an arc three miles around the southernmost Sapodilla Cayes, then northward three miles east of the Sapodilla/Ranguana Range, to a point three miles east of the Ranguana Caye, then eastward to the twelve-mile limit.

2.2 It has been agreed that an agreement will be made to allow free navigation one and one-half miles into Guatemala's territorial sea around the Sapodilla Cayes.

2.3 It is also agreed that by agreement Belize and Guatemala will share an exclusive economic zone located from three miles east of Ranguana to twelve miles, and toward the south to the limits of Guatemala's territorial sea.

2.4 There shall be established an agreement for the development of joint exploitation projects between Guatemala and Belize in activities such as deep-sea fishing inside the zone that is situated in the territorial seas of Belize, between the three-mile and twelve-mile limits, beginning east of Ranguana Caye, and then going in a north-easterly direction up to the northernmost point of Lighthouse Reef; except in the areas that are already being exploited by Belizean fishermen, to be defined in the nautical charts.

The agreement shall also apply to the exclusive economic zone of Belize corresponding to the territorial seas referred to above.

2.5 Belize will continue to allow Guatemala touristic use of the Sapodilla Cayes until south of the Ranguana, as is presently enjoyed.

Other Points:

3.1 Belize shall continue to allow passage of intransit goods, subject to the existing regulations and port charges, on a reciprocal basis.

3.2 Fishing and other economic benefits shall be granted to Belize in the area of Guatemala's territorial sea between Orange Point and the Sapodillas.

*These Points of Concurrence should be considered preliminary in principle, and are subject to future technical confirmation (as a result of any imprecision in the geographic location of land and maritime points) and official discussion of the Permanent Joint Commission.